

# Alabama NRCS Desirable Grass Species

(Desirability is listed for cattle, call state specialist if pasture is for other species)

## Functional Groups

### 1 - Cool Season Grasses

#### **Perennial**

Orchardgrass  
Reed Canarygrass  
Rescuegrass  
Tall Fescue

#### **Annual**

Browntop Millet  
Forage Sorghum  
Foxtail Millet  
Oats  
Rye  
Ryegrass  
Triticale  
Wheat

### 2 - Warm Season Grasses

#### **Perennial**

Bahiagrass  
Bermudagrass  
Dallisgrass  
Eastern Gamagrass  
Big Bluestem  
Indiangrass  
Johnsongrass  
Little Bluestem  
Switchgrass

#### **Annual**

Crabgrass  
Pearl millet  
Sudangrass  
Sorghum-Sudan hybrids  
Forage sorghum

### 3 - Legumes

Alfalfa  
Arrowleaf Clover  
Ball Clover  
Berseem Clover  
Bur Clover  
Common Vetch  
Cowpea  
Crimson Clover  
Hairy vetch  
Kobe Lespedeza  
Korean Lespedeza  
Perennial Peanut  
Red Clover  
Sericea Lespedeza  
Subterranean Clover  
Velvetbean  
White Clover

### 4 - Forbs

Brassicacae (i.e. Rape, Kale, Turnips)  
Chicory

## Intermediate Species

### Intermediate Grasses

Carpetgrass  
Cheat  
Kentucky bluegrass  
Little barley  
Purpletop (Tridens)  
Yellow foxtail

### Intermediate Legumes

Austrian Winter Pea  
Black Medic  
Bur Clover  
Button Clover  
Caley Pea  
Hop Clover  
Kudzu  
Rose Clover  
Subterranean Clover  
Velvetbean

### Intermediate Forbs

Chickweed  
Dandelion  
Florida Pusley

## Undesirables

### Undesirable Grasses

Nimblewill  
Broomsedge

### Undesirable Forbs

Buttercup  
Cocklebur  
Spiny amaranth  
Thistle complex